The Propoſition of Liev. Col. *John Lilburne*, Priſoner in the Tower of *London*, made unto the Lords and Commons aſſembled at *Weſtminſter*, and to the whole Kingdome of *England*, *October* 2. 1647.

I Grant the Houſe of Lords, according to the Statute of the 14. *Ed.* 3. chap. 5. to have in Law a juriſdiction for redreſſing of grievances, either upon illegall delayes, or illegall judgements given in any of the Courts at *Weſtminſter Hall*, provided they have the Kings particular Commiſſion therefore, and all other the legall Punctillos contained in that Statute, which juriſdiction and no other, ſeemes to me to be confirmed by the Statutes of the 27. *Eliz.* chap 8. and 31. *Eliz.* chap. 1.

But I poſitively deny, that the Houſe of Lords, by the knowne and declared Law of *England*, have any originall Juriſdiction over any Commoner of *England* whatſoever, either for life, limb, libertie or eſtate, which is the only and alone thing in controverſie betwixt them and me, And this poſition I will in a publique Aſſembly, or before both Houſes in Law debate with any 40. Lawyers in *England* that are practiſers of the Law, and I will be content the Lords ſhall chuſe them every man, and if after I have ſaid for my ſelfe what I can, that any three of theſe forty Lawyers ſworn to deliver their Iudgements according to the known Law of *England*, give it under their hands againſt me, I will give over my preſent conteſt with the Lords, and ſurrender my ſelfe up to the punniſhment and ſentence of the preſent Lords and Commons.

Provided at this debate, I may have ſix or ten of my own friends preſent to take in writing all that paſſeth thereupon. Witneſſe my hand and Seale, in the preſence of divers witneſſes in the Tower of London, *this* 2. *of* October, 1647.

Iohn Lilburne.